

The action of the United States in Cuba cannot be compared to these two bloody events in history because the invasion was never the official policy of the Kennedy Administration.

The United States did not launch an attack. President Kennedy said the rebels had only the moral "support" of our government.

However, the international legal principles involved in the two events do have some comparison to the Monroe Doctrine and the public thinking that we have the right to replace an unfriendly government with one of our liking because of Cuba's nearness to our shores.

To say the Cuban situation is perplexing is an understatement. There is much involved. At stake are our security and our prestige in the world. No matter how much we dislike communism and Castro's tirades against the United States, and no matter how much we have concern for our security in this instance, we must weigh any type of intervention against the grave effect such action will have on the Latin American, African and Asian countries. These people are our concern, too, and even though the Cuban concern looms larger today there is tomorrow to think about.

We may in the end be forced to abandon our policy of non-intervention, but it will at best be a painful decision.

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